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WEST VIRGINIA AUGUST 1 CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST

WEST VIRGINIA -- Tobacco production is forecast at 1.98 million pounds, up nearly 2 percent from the 2002 crop. The area harvested is expected to total 1,200 acres, down 100 acres from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, the average yield per acre is forecast at 1,650 pounds, up 150 pounds from 2002.

All Other Hay production is forecast at 1,080 thousand tons, up 15 percent from 2002. The area harvested is expected to total 540,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2002. Average yield per acre is forecast at 2.0 tons, up 0.2 tons from 2002.

Based on August 1 conditions, apple production is forecast at 95 million pounds, unchanged from 2002.

Peach production of 13.0 million pounds is carried forward from the July forecast.

UNITED STATES WITH 2002 COMPARISONS

- Corn for grain production - 10.1 billion bushels, up 12 percent, largest on record.
- Corn yield - 139.9 bushels per acre, up 9.9 bushels, largest on record.
- Oats production - 151 million bushels, up 27 percent.
- All wheat production - 2.29 billion bushels, up 42 percent.
- Winter wheat production - 1.71 billion bushels, up 50 percent.
- Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures hay production - 78.0 million tons, up 6 percent.
- Other hay production - 82.1 million tons, up 6 percent.
- Apple production - 9.27 billion pounds, up 8 percent.
- Peach production (Including Clingstone) - 2.62 billion pounds, up 2 percent.
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- All tobacco production - 840 million pounds, down 5 percent and smallest since 1908.
- Burley tobacco production - 291 million pounds, down 3 percent.
- Soybean production - 2.86 billion bushels, up 5 percent.
- Barley production - 281 million bushels, up 24 percent.